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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Winter greetings from Fairbanks!

I am sending you this e-mail to register my support on behalf of the settlement in the Microsoft antitrust case. This is the best resolution available to America now due to a bad situation. The settlement required Microsoft, the attorney generals from the states involved, and the Department of Justice, to state their differences, make concessions, and reach compromises in front of the Federal judge appointed in an effort to avoid countless days of court battles and appeals.

In the settlement, Microsoft basically kept itself intact in exchange for giving up its legal rights. Microsoft will release from copyright the software codes of the various internal interfaces and protocols allowing servers to interoperate for its Windows operating system programs. Microsoft must license its other software copyrights and patents to any company that wants to use them on reasonable terms. The ability of a business to enter into exclusive marketing agreements is often very important to its success. Microsoft will no longer be able to contract with computer builders to use its Windows operating system exclusively. Monitoring of the settlement terms by software engineering experts will make sure that the agreement is followed.

The settlement is in the best interest of America. Please use your best efforts to see that the Federal judge approves it. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Bill Moberly